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Dear Folks,

I have long been active in opposing the use of arsenic for wood preservation in areas that will endanger the environment, its residents, and its users -- human, and wildlife.

I submit this letter in response to the Department of Environmental Protection's proposed rule changes in chapter 305, and I will FAX this letter to the Board within the deadline established for submission of comments for the hearing on this matter that took place on October 5, 2006 -- a time my schedule was unable to accommodate.

Arsenic is a hazardous poison, and its use as a wood preservative has been the subject of widespread public outcry. The proposed DEP rulemaking changes to Chapter 305 are unacceptable threats to the present rules that were established following the long time use of Arsenic and other treatments for wood that utilize dangerous poisons.

Please turn down the shamelessly irresponsible DEP proposed rule changes to Chapter 305 Sections: 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 15 that concern the use of treated lumber.

Sincerely,

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